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Meyer Lansky, Associate Indicted on Tax Charges

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Meyer Lansky, reputedly one of America's most powerful organized crime leaders, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Miami yesterday on charges of conspiring to evade federal income taxes on money received from gamblers on junkets to a London gambling club.

Lansky and Dino Cellini, a long-time associate and a stockholder and employe of George Raft's Colony Sporting Club in London, also were charged with conspiring to obstruct the Internal Revenue Service in assessing their income taxes. Cellini also was charged with filing two false income tax returns.

The indictments were announced in Washington by Acting Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst.

Lansky, 69, has been living in Israel since the summer of 1970. He is fighting an Israeli government attempt to deport him. Lansky has been indicted twice in the United States on gambling charges.

Cellini, 57, a native of Steubenville, Ohio, was employed by the Raft club, which operated in London from Feb. 1, 1966, to Jan. 31, 1969. The British government refused to let Cellini back into England in 1967.

After the exclusion, the grand jury said Cellini established Travel and Resort Enterprises Inc. (T&R) in Miami to organize and operate gambling junkets to the London club and other foreign casinos.

The indictment said the casino extended credit to various gambling junketeers.

If a gambler did not pay his debt before leaving the foreign casino, his gambling IOUs were turned over to unindicted co-conspirators for collection in the United States, it was alleged.

Instead of paying the money to the London club, the grand jury said, the co-conspirators — all New England organized crime figures — delivered it to Lansky and Cellini in cash.

According to the indictment, Lansky and Cellini received about $198,000 from the co-conspirators from November 1967 through mid-May 1968.

Named as co-conspirators but not indicted were: Raymond Patriarca, 64; Henry Tameleo, 70; Carmine (Carlo) Mastrototaro, 51; Vincent Teresa; Daniel Mongovano, 44; and Joseph Lamattina, 42.